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33. This year also, a sum of Rs 98.48 lakhs has been provided in the budget under Capital expenditure not charged to Revenue for expenditure on capital schemes under the following heads:—

Non-productive works.

	Rs.
Water Supply Schemes	16.96 lakhs.
Drainage Scheme	7.50 „
Miscellaneous	14.86 „
Total	39.32 „

Productive Schemes shown under Debt Heads.

	Rs.
Pallivasal Hydro-Electric Project	36.33 lakhs
Ceramic Factory	2.25 „
Commercial Transport	5.00 „
Other Schemes	3.70 „
Total	47.28 „

Loan to the Cochin Harbour authorities towards the 4th stage works and the cost of Dredger shown under Advances	11.88 lakhs
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Grand Total	98.48 lakhs.
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The provision relates mostly to schemes started in the current and preceding years, and now in progress. I furnish below brief details of the more important schemes provided in the estimates of the next year.

WATER WORKS AND DRAINAGE.

34. *The Willingdon Water Works, Trivandrum.*—The total of the sanctioned estimates for the first and second stages and supplemental works relating to the scheme amounts to Rs 58.56 lakhs. The expenditure to the end of the current year is expected to amount to Rs 58.27 lakhs against this estimate. The work of laying mains in the second stage area of the Water Supply to the Town has made good progress. Out of the 46 miles, pipes have been laid for 40 miles. The reconstruction and extension of the Water Works Office building is making good progress and it is hoped that the building will be ready for occupation early in 1913. The aggregate provision under this scheme in the budget for the next year amounts to Rs 1,18,700.

The question regarding the contribution to be recovered from the Municipal Council, Trivandrum, on account of the Willingdon Water Works, etc., was considered in consultation with the Municipality and the following arrangements have been ordered:—

(i) that for the years 1111 and 1112 the annual contribution to be paid by the Municipality be fixed at Rs 75,000.

(ii) that for the years 1113, 1114 and 1115, the annual contribution be fixed at Rs 82,500, Rs 90,000, and Rs 1 lakh respectively, and

(iii) that the position be reviewed in the middle of 1115 and the amount of contribution for 1116 onwards fixed.

These arrangements have been given effect to in the revised estimates of 1112 and the budget estimates for 1113.

35. *Water Supply Schemes to Mofussil Towns.*—Estimates amounting to Rs 16.85 lakhs, Rs 10.80 lakhs and Rs 3.03 lakhs were sanctioned for the Water Supply Schemes to the Municipal Towns of Nagercoil, Alleppey and Shencottah respectively. The three Municipal Councils have agreed to the following arrangements —

The entire cost of the schemes till their inauguration shall in the first instance be met by Government, of which one-half shall be borne by the Councils, the other half being considered as a grant in favour of the Councils; the Councils' share of the cost of the schemes will be considered as a loan advanced by Government to the Councils for purposes of the Water Supply Schemes; the loan shall bear interest at $4\frac{1}{2}$ % per annum and shall be repaid by the Councils in thirty five equal annual instalments and the schemes shall be worked by the Councils at their own cost from the date of inauguration of the Water Supply.

Contracts for the supply of pipes and specials have been arranged, and these materials are expected to begin to arrive in October next. The Land Revenue Department is engaged in land acquisition proceedings for the lands required for the three projects. As soon as the lands are acquired and handed over to the Water Works Department, the construction of the projects will be proceeded with vigorously.

The following provisions have been included in the budget estimates for 1113 :—

Water Supply to Nagercoil Town	...	Rs 7.42 lakhs.
Water Supply to Alleppey Town	...	„ 6.00 „
Water Supply to Shencottah Town	...	„ 2.00 „

37. *Kuttanad Water Supply.*—A provision of Rs 35,000 has been included in the budget for 1113 for the purchase of necessary boring plant. It is proposed to provide a number of bore wells in the water-logged area in Kuttanad where there is no good potable water.

37. *Drainage Scheme.*—The construction works of the Drainage Scheme, Trivandrum, which was started in 1111 were in continuous progress during the year. The expenditure to the end of the year will amount to Rs 7.47 lakhs. A provision of Rs 7.60 lakhs has been made in the budget estimates for the next year for the scheme. The total cost of the scheme consisting of sewerage and sewage works and those required for the disposal of storm water for the prevention of flooding in the low lying areas, will, as estimated at present, be Rs 45.96

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lakhs. The whole of the expenditure will be financed by Government. The Municipal Council, Trivandrum will pay from the beginning of the year 1115 drainage contribution of Rs 75,000 and of Rs 1 lakh after two years when the whole scheme is completed.

38. *General.*—Due to the expanding activities of the Water Works and Drainage Department, separate divisions have been formed under Executive Engineers and placed under the control of the Chief Engineer for Water Works. Provision has been made accordingly in the budget estimates for 1113.

39. *Town Planning Scheme.*—The expenditure on the scheme to end of the year will stand at Rs 11.64 lakhs. The scheme of Town planning based on the Thampanoor Valley improvement will not be proceeded with. The work of Mr. Krumbiegel in connection with the Town Planning Scheme, Trivandrum, has also been suspended. A provision of Rs 3.90 lakhs has been made in the budget estimates for 1113 on account of the scheme in respect of the beach area and other works which may be brought under the Town Planning Scheme during the next year.

40. *Council Chamber.*—The construction of the Council Chamber, North Wing, is in progress, and is expected to be completed in 1113. The expenditure to the end of the year on this work will be Rs 1.20 lakhs and a provision of Rs 1.75 lakhs has been made in the budget estimates for the next year.

41. *Extension of the Public Offices, South Wing.*—A provision of Rs 1.50 lakhs has been made in the budget estimates for the next year, but it is likely that this work will be abandoned and other arrangements made. The question is under the consideration of Government.

42. Government have sanctioned the purchase from the K. D. H. P. Co., Ltd., Munnar, of the bridge near their head-quarters Office at Munnar and also the 3½ miles of road lying between Nallathanni bridge and the Pallivasal Factory at a price of Rs 1 lakh subject to certain conditions. Provision has been made for this purchase under Capital in the next year's budget.

43. *Government Mint.*—A provision Rs 30,000 has been made under Capital for the substitution of electric driven machines for the hand driven pressing machines in the Government Mint with a view to avoid the delay which occurs at present in the manufacture of copper coins.

44. *Survey of Minor Circuits.*—There are at present large tracts of unsurveyed minor circuits in the State covering an extent of more than two lakhs of acres, of which about 40,000 acres are already under occupation but not registered. The State is thereby losing considerable capital receipts and recurring revenue. It is now proposed to conduct the survey of such minor circuits in seven of the taluks and complete it in two years. A provision of Rs 71,200 is made for the next year for the above purpose under the capital head "Survey of Minor Circuits," as the expenditure incurred is expected to be more than fully recouped.

by the capital receipts accruing from the scheme. It is expected that the survey and registry of the lands now under occupation would bring in a capital revenue of about Rs 10 lakhs as *tharavila*, besides a recurring assessment of about Rs 40,000 per annum and about Rs 2 lakhs under arrears of assessment.

45. *Railways* : - The capital at charge for the Quilon-Trivandrum Railway at the close of the year ending 30th September 1936 was Bh. Rs 53.58 lakhs. A provision of Rs 44,100 has been made for capital works during 1113. The total capital expenditure on the Chackay-Thampanoor Railway Extension at the close of 1112 will stand at Rs 28.04 lakhs. The budget estimate for 1113 provides for a sum of Rs 31,300 mainly to meet payments on account of land acquisition charges anticipated to be decreed by the courts. The South Indian Railway Administration is now working the Extension as a part of the Travancore Railway. The agreement between the Secretary of State and this Government for the working of this branch has not yet been drawn up pending settlement of certain details. The question is now under consideration.

The working of the railway entailed a loss of Bh. Rs 69,652 for the year ending 31st March 1937 representing the deficit in the interest guaranteed by the Government. The receipts from the railway are expected to be better in 1113 as there has been some increase in railway earnings throughout India. Nevertheless, a sum of Rs 50,000 has been provided for 1113 also, as the probable loss to be met by Government. I may mention here that the Government of India have accepted our contention that the loss in the working of the Travancore Railway should be apportioned between the Government of India and this Government in proportion to the Capital outlay incurred on British and Indian State Sections of the Tinnevely-Quilon line alone, excluding the outlay on the extension to Trivandrum which was financed by this State.

The Government of India have also agreed to the association of an officer of this Government with the Government Examiner of Accounts at Trichinopoly for the audit of the accounts of the Travancore railway. A lump sum provision of Rs 3,000 has been made in the budget under the Revenue head, "General Administration—Financial Secretariat", for this purpose.

COMMERCIAL UNDERTAKINGS.

46. *Pallivasal Hydro-Electric Project*.—The progress anticipated last year in regard to this project has not been realised due to some difficulties encountered during construction with regard to the foundation of the terminal anchor of the pen-stocks, and to the disturbances of the ground adjoining the power house which became manifest during the monsoon last year, and which have been fully adverted to in the proceedings of this House. As, at the time when the machinery was being installed in the power house, some cracks developed in the building, it was not considered safe to instal the heavy machinery, etc., in